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SUBJ: NOTED NIGERIAN WRITER INQUIRES ABOUT AWOONER

REF: ACCRA 1384

1. FOLLOWING ON INQUIRY TO CENTRAL REGIONAL COMMISSIONER BY UNIV OF CAPE COAST GROUP, PRESS REPORTS NOTED NIGERIAN WRITER WOLE SOYINKA, REPRESENTING UNION OF WRITERS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE, CALLED FEB 24 ON INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE AKO (WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF SMC) TO INQUIRE ABOUT ARREST OF KOFI AWOONER. AKO GAVE STOCK ANSWER THAT GHANAIAN POLICE DID NOT ARREST PERSONS UNLESS THERE IS REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT CRIME WAS COMMITTED. AKO ADDED THAT AWOONER WAS BEING TREATED "HUMANELY" AND WAS BEING ALLOWED READING MATERIAL. HE ALSO SAID SEVERAL OTHERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE.

2. WE ARE A BIT SURPRISED GOVERNMENT OWNED PRESS WOULD PRINT REPORT WHICH IS BASED ON RELEASE BY UNION OF WRITERS RATHER THAN GOG.
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